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WATCHING ALONG THE LAZARETTO

Showing Boer Reinforcements Approaching From Wimborne and British Retired.

BOER KAMPERDAM ARTILLERY

Opened Fire at Otto's Kopje, the Kimberley Fort Replying With Twenty Shells.

KIMBERLEY, Friday, Dec. 22, via Modder River, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Before dawn to-day, a detachment of the mounted forces with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a westerly direction. Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Otto's kopje, Kimberley fort replying with twenty shells. The British force reconnoitered outposts along Lazaretto ridge, the Boer patrols retreating.

Having accomplished this, having discovered Boer reinforcements approaching from Wimborne ridge, Col. Chamberlain, with the Royal artillery, exchanged a dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring with the loss of one horse.

The movement showed that the Boers were still keeping their guns in the vicinity of Kimberley and are able to summon reinforcements rapidly. It also showed their propensity to vacate a position immediately when, weaker than the opposing force.

LADY SARAH WILSON

Safe in Mafeking, Living in a Bomb-Proof Shelter—Gives an Interesting Account of Her Experience.

MAFEKING, Sunday, Dec. 10, (By Native Runner to Mafeking).—Lady Sarah Wilson is living in a bomb-proof shelter of her own construction under the private residence of Mr. Well. There she is enabled to exist with some degree of comfort, and, if she chooses to spend a part of the time in the house, her shelter is close enough to enable her to take cover between the ring of the warning bell and the arrival of the projectile.

The correspondent of the Associated Press in Mafeking, to whom she granted an interview, was struck with the fact, as evidenced by her bomb-proof refuge, that she is unquestionably an old campaigner.

Even in this noisome, dark hole, dug under the ground, she manages to make herself comfortable. She has whisky and soda as well as cigarettes to offer visitors.

Lady Sarah's adventures were exciting, sometimes amusing, and often spiced with actual danger. It was on a Thursday that she left Mafeking. She arrived at the St. Helier hotel that night. The following morning she was aroused by the rattle of musketry and the boom of guns. It was Captain Nesbitt, of the Mafeking and mounted police, now a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, who was fighting desperately, unable to get back or forward, but holding the wrecked armored train until the last. As soon as daylight would allow, Lady Sarah pluckily rode to the scene of action and photographed the wreck.

Finding that her presence at Settlogalla exposed her to insult, the Boers moved her to Mosati, where she enjoyed the hospitality of a colonial farmer. By means of heavy bribes she persuaded them to furnish information to and fro. Extraordinary stories regarding her were circulated among the Boers. One was that she was the wife of an English general, another that she was a grand-daughter of the queen and had come to spy upon the doings of the Boers, and a third that she was the only male survivor of Mafeking, having escaped in the guise of a woman.

Lady Sarah visited Vryburg. She was driven there by a young Boer who passed her off as his sister. She found herself in the hands of the Boers, who gave her official disloyalty, who gave her the patches and news. She stayed in the hotel all day and stole out at night to go shopping. On visiting the hospital she found that orders had been issued that no one should leave the town. The Boer had to answer some curious questions put by the landlady before he could get permission for himself and his "sister" to leave. They set out at 4 o'clock in the morning, in fear of being recognized and got away safely.

After the Boers discovered that she had been mixed up in dispatch running, she went to commandant Snyman's camp with a view of getting back to Mafeking, but Snyman refused to let her go to Mafeking or even to Settlogalla. He proposed sending her to a station as a prisoner of war, or, as an alternative, to release her, if Viljoen were given up by the British.

At first she refused to ask Col. Baden-Powell to do this, but finally she changed her mind. Lady Sarah gathered from her varied experiences among the Boers that they are heartily sick of the war.

A Mother in Israel Gone to Reward. Special dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mary R. Spotts, wife of the late George W. Spotts, died this morning at her late residence in this place, after an illness of some days, aged eighty-two years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. D. Barr, and one son, Mr. George W. M. Spotts, of St. Louis, Mo., and a number of grandchildren. Her funeral will take place Sunday in the Baptist church.

THE SEIZURE INCIDENT

And the Reported Treaty Excites the French, Who Fear England Will Possess Delagoa Bay, an Important Strategic Move.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The virtual seizure by British officials of vessels laden with American flour, consigned to the Boers, and the statement of the Lokal Anzeiger regarding an alleged Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty for the division of Portugal's colonies between Great Britain and Germany, have aroused renewed interest in Paris. While there is a desire to discredit the Lokal Anzeiger's statement, its publication has occasioned undoubted uneasiness, because the consummation of such a plan would be a diplomatic stroke unfavorable to France and Russia. The possession of Delagoa Bay is believed to be as essential to British success in South Africa as a victory over the Boers is essential to Great Britain's international prestige. Therefore, it is felt that if necessary, Great Britain will take extreme measures.

An official of the French foreign office said to the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day, with respect to the seizure of breadstuffs: "Such a seizure is absolutely outside of international rights and as foolish as though Great Britain, supposing her to be at war with Switzerland, should declare a blockade of Hamburg for fear certain goods should reach the Swiss from that source."

"A decision to consider breadstuffs contraband would be regarded in diplomatic circles as a suicidal policy for Great Britain, as she would be most dependent for food supplies upon other nations in case a war arose involving her."

The official then proceeded to point a number of precedents against the action of Great Britain in this matter. He considered her own refusal during the Franco-Prussian war to recognize as contraband coal consigned to France, although it was known to be intended for warships. A still more pertinent instance arose during the Franco-Chinese war, when Great Britain declined to accept a declaration of France making rice contraband.

Obviously, however, the chief ground for apprehension is the belief that, if Great Britain should establish a cord of vessels across Delagoa Bay, it would be necessary for all nations to send naval vessels there to protect individual rights. In such an event the presence of a large number of warships might create friction that would bring on great results.

Great satisfaction is felt in government circles at the successful conclusion of the negotiations with China in the Kwang-Chan-Wan affair. France has obtained everything she demanded, including a favorable settlement of other outstanding questions.

ROLAND REED'S ILLNESS

Is Very Likely to Terminate Fatally. His Wife and Daughter at His Bedside.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Roland Reed, the actor, who was operated on Tuesday last at St. Luke's hospital, was reported to be resting quietly last night, with little change in his condition for better or worse.

There is some doubt as to whether or not he was operated upon for cancer, as reported. His trouble was originally announced as appendicitis, and later as cancer of the stomach, and it was said that half of his stomach was removed and that he would not be able to survive the operation very long.

His daughter has arrived and is constantly at his bedside with her mother. Many flowers and messages of sympathy arrived daily, but all but a few of the flowers are kept away from the sick room. It is feared that if the messages were read to him they might alarm him.

While he is not expected to live, everything possible is being done for him.

THOMAS MACKELLAR DEAD.

Prominent Typefounder and Author of "The American Printer."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.—Thomas Mackellar, senior member of the firm of Mackellar, Smiths & Jordan, typefounders, died to-day of pneumonia, at his home in Germantown.

Mr. Mackellar received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Wooster, Ohio. He was the author of numerous books, poems and hymns, his most successful venture in the literary line being "The American Printer," a treatise on practical printing.

He was president of the Type Founders' Association of the United States, and was a member of numerous other organizations.

Big German Liner in Peril.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A large German mail steamer, whose name has not yet been ascertained, has gone aground during a terrific gale in East bay, about a quarter of a mile off Dunrobin, the southern extremity of Kent. Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel, and the life boats are unable to reach her. Fears are entertained for the safety of the passengers.

It is reported that the position of the liner is very serious. Tugs and life boats were urgently requisitioned from Dover and Folkestone, but they had the utmost difficulty in getting off, owing to the gale.

The signals of distress were observed from the Sand Head lightship.

Selecting a Cuban Cabinet.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—The newspapers to-day added the names of Riva Rivera and Alejandro Rodriguez to the list of those already mentioned as likely to receive cabinet positions. Each journal has one or more reporters continually in the palace precincts to interview prominent men before leaving General Wood. It is safe to say that no man will be included in the cabinet who is not prominent in Cuban national politics, and the selection is confident that General Wood's cabinet will be exceptionally strong.

GRAND STAND PLAY WAS ATTEMPTED

In the Celebrated Mollieux Trial By One of the Chief Prosecuting Witnesses.

THE EXHIBITION OF CORNISH

As to How He Drank Bromo-Seltzer Was Suddenly Stopped By the Court's Order.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The most interesting incident to-day in the trial of Roland B. Mollieux, charged with the murder of Katherine J. Adams, occurred during the cross-examination of Harry Cornish by Bartow S. Weeks, defendant's counsel.

Mr. Weeks asked the witness to step from the stand, sit down at the end of the table occupied by the attorneys for the state, go through the performance of opening the bottle of bromo-seltzer, show how he knocked the contents into the glass, how he poured the water from one glass to another, being careful to get approximately the same amount of water that he used in the preparation of the fatal dose on the morning of the murder of Mrs. Adams. Cornish complied with the request and proceeded to demonstrate about how much he drank of the mixture, asked about how much Mrs. Adams took of the poison. It was not until Mr. Weeks asked the witness to drink the water in this pantomime reproduction of the scene on the fatal morning that the recorder objected.

Mr. Weeks assured Cornish that the water would not hurt him, but the court remarked: "This dumb show has gone far enough."

Assistant District Attorney Osborne then good naturedly told the witness to go ahead and drink the water, and the witness picked up the glass with the remark: "Well, I will drink it." At this point Recorder Goff again interfered with the statement that he would not permit anything of the sort to take place in the court room. Mr. Osborne said that, while Cornish did not like the tactics adopted by the attorney for the defendant, he had no objections to drinking the water if allowed to do so by the court. To this, however, the recorder would not consent.

Two of the most important witnesses for the prosecution were on the stand during the day. They were John D. Adams, ex-secretary of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, and Cornish. Mr. Adams was the first witness called. The most interesting point in connection with his testimony to-day was his positive identification of the hand-writing on the poison package as that of Mollieux. The testimony of Cornish consisted largely of detailed descriptions of the scenes on the morning of the murder at the Adams flat. Recorder Goff refused to allow Mr. Weeks to ask any questions as to the present whereabouts of Mrs. Cornish, the wife of the witness, and why Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, the latter the daughter of Mrs. Adams, had separated. Few new facts were elicited in the attempts to trace the poison package from the Knickerbocker Athletic Club to the Adams flat. It was, however, discovered that Cornish deposited the bromo-seltzer bottle in his desk at the club in the presence of P. S. Finerman, that he lost his key to the desk, and that it was afterward found on the floor of the Adams flat, after the death of Mrs. Adams, that just before the murder it was necessary for the engineer at the club to break open the desk for the purpose of removing various articles, and that the desk was repainted in a make-shift fashion. Cornish also testified that he was mistaken in his statements to the newspapers immediately after the murder as to the time when he brought the poison package from the club to his room at the Adams apartments, and that he had refreshed his memory by talking with Mrs. Rogers concerning the matter.

Adjournment was taken until next Tuesday.

BLIZZARD RAGING

In Northwestern Pennsylvania—Four Feet of Snow on the Level and Railroad Tracks Blocked—Snow Still Falling.

CORRY, Pa., Dec. 29.—A terrific blizzard, the worst in years, has been raging in northwestern Pennsylvania for the past twenty-four hours, and still continues.

About eighteen inches of snow has fallen, and with that already on the ground, makes the drifts on the level four feet. Many villages are cut off from the outside world. All the railroads leading into this city are blocked, the stages which carry the mails from Keating and Findlay lake being snowed in.

All the railroads are suffering. The Western New York & Pennsylvania through trains between Pittsburgh and Buffalo are at Summersville and Angola huge drifts at Summersville and Angola have impassable. The Erie and the Pennsylvania are faring a little better, although all the trains are late. On all roads huge snow plows, such as are used in the west, are running, but fail to keep the tracks clear.

It is not known what the outcome of the storm will be, for the snowfall continues. No loss of life is reported. The thermometer registers about zero.

JAIL DELIVERY AT GRAFTON.

All the Prisoners Except One Woman Escaped in Daylight.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Dec. 29.—This city was the scene of a wholesale jail delivery this afternoon in broad daylight. Every prisoner escaped except one lone woman, who is in for infanticide. There were about a dozen of them charged respectively with all the crimes in the catalogue. Circuit court convenes Tuesday, hence the haste to be gone.

DEATH OF MRS. CRAIGHILL.

Wife of Gen. W. P. Craighill, at Baltimore—Funeral at Charles Town.

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CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Intelligence was received to-day from Baltimore, of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Craighill Jones Craighill, wife of General William P. Craighill, of Charles Town. She had been in failing health for some months, and the immediate cause of her death was Bright's disease. Mrs. Craighill was the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Alexander Jones, of the one time rector of the Episcopal church in this place. Her remains were brought here to-night for burial.

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SENATOR ELKINS

Has a Large Grist of Bills for Introduction in the Senate for the Relief of Various Constituents, Among Them One for the Relief of the Widow and Heirs of Samuel A. Muhleman, of West Virginia.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Senator Elkins has a number of bills for presentation to the senate upon the re-assembling of Congress.

Among these bills are the following: To provide for the keeping of indices of petitions in bankruptcy, and for other purposes; for the relief of trustees of Trinity Episcopal church, Martinsburg; for the relief of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Webster; for relief of trustees of Carora Lodge of Odd Fellows, Martinsburg; for relief of trustees of the Baptist church, Guyandotte; for relief of heirs of John W. Warnick, of Dunmore, Pocahontas county; for the relief of John Vlands, of Jefferson county; relief of Methodist Episcopal church, Martinsburg; for relief of Adolphus P. Clark, late private of Company B, Eleventh West Virginia Infantry; for relief of William J. Knott, executor of the estate of Samuel Knott, deceased; for the relief of John Burns, for work done on custom house, at Wheeling; granting a pension to I. W. Allen, late captain of independent company of scouts, Pocahontas county; to purchase a site for and erection of public building at Hinton; for the relief of William J. White, of Pond, Nicholas county; for the relief of D. B. Clark, of Wheeling, late of Battery D, First West Virginia light artillery, volunteers; to pension Isaac D. Winters, of Sand Hill, Marshall county; for relief of Elizabeth Muhleman, widow, and the heirs at law of Samuel A. Muhleman, formerly of West Virginia.

Mr. Muhleman was a clerk in the war records division and was therefore a victim of what is remembered as the "Ford's theatre disaster," when so many clerks were injured. He never presented a petition for remuneration, nor filed a claim for damages, but quietly collected the evidence in support of a claim. It is in behalf of the heirs that Senator Elkins has introduced the bill.

Senator Elkins has also ready for presentation a number of petitions from citizens of West Virginia in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the United States, to prohibit polygamy. The petition came from Fairview, Newberg, New Cumberland, Lockhart, West Union, Greenwood, Middlebourne, Bruceton, Mt. Storm, Ophelia, Snow Hill, Evansville, South Charleston, Wellsburg, Elk Knob, Judson, Petroleum, Albion, Zela, Kenova, Hazelton, Craneyville, Terra Alta, Sistersville, Harrisville, Pullman, Baden, Huntington, Reid, Elmwood, Waterloo, Pennsboro, Fairmont, Vermoda, French Creek, Wyoma, South Side, Stockton and Henderson.

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REMAINS OF HARRY WOODYARD

Will Probably be Brought Home for Interment.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—It has been ascertained that under proper regulations the body of Ralph Woodyard, who died recently in Cuba, may be brought home, and this will doubtless be done as soon as the arrangements can be made. As stated in Monday's Intelligencer, Senator Elkins is interested in procuring the necessary permits.

The deceased was a brother of State Senator Harry Woodyard, of Spencer, W. Va.

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NEW YEARS AT WHITE HOUSE.

On Monday President McKinley Will Receive Government Officials, Army and Navy Officers and Citizens, According to Programme.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Secretary Porter returned from Connecticut to-day and gave out the programme for the New Year's reception at the white house. It does not differ materially from that in former years, and is as follows:

11:15 a. m.—The chief justice and the associate justices of the supreme court of the United States; the judges of the United States court of claims; the judges of the court of appeals; the judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia; ex-cabinet members and ex-ministers of the United States.

11:25 a. m.—Senators, representatives and delegates in Congress; the commissioners and judicial officers of the District of Columbia.

11:40 a. m.—Officers of the army; officers of the navy; officers of the marine corps; commanding general and general staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

12 m.—The regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; the commissioner of fisheries; the civil service commission; the interstate commerce commission; the commissioner of labor; assistant postmaster general; the solicitor general; assistant attorney general; the treasurer of the United States; commissioner of pensions; commissioner of patents; comptroller of the currency; the heads of bureaus in the several departments; the president of the Columbian Institute for the deaf and dumb.

12:15 p. m.—The associated veterans of the war of 1846-7; the Grand Army of the Republic; the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; the Union Veteran Legion; Spanish war veterans; the members of the Oldest

IMPREGNABLE POSITION WAS CAPTURED.

Together With One Gun, Rifles, Ammunition Arsenal and the Fortifications.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Lockart's Casualties, One Officer and Five Men Wounded and One Drowned.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The adjutant general received a cable message from General Otis this morning, telling of the capture of a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of Mateo, formerly supposed to be impregnable, and the capture of many prisoners and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The dispatch is as follows:

"MANILA, Dec. 29, 1899. Adjutant General, War Department, Washington.

"Colonel Lockett, with his regiment, one of the Forty-sixth (Col. Schuyler); one of the Forty-fifth (Col. Dore); and a company of the Twenty-seventh Infantry, with two guns (Capt. Van Dusen), attacked the enemy, who held strong on a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo. A large number were killed and wounded, and twenty-four prisoners. Lockart captured one cannon; forty rifles; 20,000 pounds of ammunition; 500 pounds of powder; the arsenal and fortifications, together with all food supplies, and considerable other property. This captured point is located on a mountain trail, and was formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties were Lieut. Enslow, Eleven men wounded, and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight. Private Matson, Forty-fifth Infantry, was drowned."

CONFIDENT OF REPUBLICAN SUCCESS—'So Are We All of Us.'

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—United States Senator John M. Thurston, accompanied by Mrs. Thurston and his two daughters, arrived in Omaha to-day to spend New Year's. They will leave for Washington Monday night. Speaking of national politics, Senator Thurston said: "The feeling everywhere among Republicans as to the coming national campaign is one of absolute confidence. Nowhere does one hear an expression of the slightest doubt as to the result. The fact that the line with the army, naval and navy, will direct higher the interest of Republicans of all sections of the country. But whatever may be the result in the state, Republican success in a national affairs is bound to be continued. I shall not be a candidate for re-election."

TERSE TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

Continued cold to-day and to-morrow.

Lawton relief fund bids fair to reach \$50,000.

Condition of Roland Reed, the actor, is unchanged.

Pittsburgh papers appear promptly, notwithstanding the strike.

Prices on glass staples will be advanced 10 cents per pound January 1.

J. Perry Van Fleet, of Towanda, Pa., died of consumption yesterday.

Milwaukee, the composer, is suffering from paralytic stroke at Vienna.

Erie, Pa., Lithographing Company chartered, with capital of \$200,000.

Nelson, of St. Louis, Mo., was found dead in his shop. Heart failure.

The bank of Montreal, of New York, shipped \$500,000 gold to Canada yesterday.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colony of the Imperial Yeomanry.

Lord Salisbury presided at a meeting of the National Defense committee yesterday.

Park Blair, Pennsylvania truck walker, run over and instantly killed at Kinross, Pa.

Kaul & Hall Lumber Company, of St. Marys, Pa., incorporated, with capital of \$500,000.

James S. Allen, shoe manufacturer, of Brockton, Mass., assigned. Assets and liabilities unknown.

Ware & Lincoln, boot manufacturers, Brockton, Mass., have assigned. Assets and liabilities about \$40,000.

Lackawanna Iron & Steel Company stockholders voted to increase capital from \$750,000 to \$2,000,000.

The "Kopting" tobacco suit at Hartford, Conn., has been